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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONFERENCES IN AFRICA

1. THE BUREAU OF SECURITY AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS (SCA) IS FINALIZING THE AGENDA FOR CONSULAR OFFICERS CONFERENCES IN ABIDJAN (SEPTEMBER 21-24) AND NAIROBI (SEPTEMBER 27-30). RSOS AT THESE RESPECTIVE POSTS HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED ONE HOUR FOR A SECURITY PRESENTATION AND A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.

2. THESE CONFERENCES PROVIDE AN IDEAL FORUM FOR THE RSOS TO MEET WITH AND ASCERTAIN SECURITY CONCERN OF THESE OFFICERS. A SHORT BRIEFING AND REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ANTI-TERRORISM PROGRAM SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE CONFERENCEES. THE RSOS MAY WISH TO RELATE THE PROGRAMS INITIATED AT POSTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY WHICH BEAR ON ACCESS CONTROLS AND PROTECTION OF THE CONSULAR OFFICES.

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3. LITERATURE, AIRGRAMS AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE RELATING

TO THE PROTECTION OF U.S. PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS
ABROAD MAY BE USED AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. SECURITY
WATCH COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES MIGHT BE REVIEWED AS WELL
AS THE REGIONAL ROLE OF THE RSO. THE RSOS MAY WISH TO

REVIEW AND DRAW FROM MR. DIKEOS' MEMORANDUM DATED
SEPTEMBER 25, 1975 ON HIS MEETING WITH THE CONSULAR
ASSOCIATION AND THEIR CONCERNS, IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR
PROTECTION OF CONSULAR EMPLOYEES AND ACCESS CONTROLS FOR
CONSULAR OFFICES.

4. SECURITY PROBLEMS AND DEFICIENCIES IN CONSULAR SECTION
OPERATIONS WHICH SURFACE DURING THE RSOS' BRIEFING AND
DISCUSSION SESSIONS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO SY FOR
CORRECTIVE ACTION BY SY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS OF
THE DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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